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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, CASC, IT, SY (BATES, JONATHAN)

SUBJECT: BATES CASE

REF: ATHENS 5523

1. ATHENS SHOULD FORWARD PROFESSOR BATES' LETTER TO BELGRADE FOR DELIVERY BY EMBASSY TO APPROPRIATE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES.

2. FOR EMBASSY BELGRADE'S BACKGROUND, BATES FAMILY IS SEEKING ASSISTANCE OF YUGOSLAVS FOR THEIR SON JONATHAN, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN SYRIA IN FEBRUARY 1972 AND IS CURRENTLY ON TRIAL FOR ESPIONAGE. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT CHARGES ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND OVER PAST MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT SYRIANS NOT TAKING CHARGES AS  
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SERIOUSLY AS THEY ORIGINALLY DID. PROFESSOR BATES (WHO IS

FORMER PROFESSOR AT NYU BUT IS BRITISH SUBJECT; MRS. BATES AND JONATHAN ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS) WAS COMRADE IN ARMS OF TITO'S IN SPANISH CIVIL WAR AND FORMER BRITISH SOCIALIST. ITALIANS (WHO REPRESENT U.S. INTERESTS IN SYRIA) HAVE ADVISED THAT A LETTER FROM TITO ATTESTING TO PROFESSOR BATES' SOCIALIST CREDENTIALS WOULD HELP IN SECURING VERDICT OF INNOCENT FROM SYRIAN COURT OR PARDON FOR JONATHAN, IF HE IS SENTENCED.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO BATES FAMILY IN THIS MATTER BUT OF COURSE LEAVES IT TO EMBASSY BELGRADE'S JUDGMENT AT WHICH LEVEL TO DELIVER PROFESSOR BATES' LETTER AND WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL OR DESIRABLE FOR EMBASSY TO ACCOMPANY DELIVERY WITH ORAL USG ENDORSEMENT OF PROFESSOR BATES' REQUEST.

4. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES PROBLEM IN FACILITATING DELIVERY PROFESSOR BATES' APPEAL, REQUEST DELIVERY BE MADE ASAP AFTER RECEIPT. ROGERS

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